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COMPLETE SPECIFICATION

Improvements in or relating to Bedding Equipment

I, DANIEL ALEXANDRE CARREZ, a French subject, of 47 a 53, Rue des Allies, Saint-Etienne (Loire), France, do hereby declare the invention, for which I pray that a patent may be granted to me, and the method by which it is to be performed, to be particularly described in and by the following statement:—

This invention relates to improved bedding equipment.

Bedding equipment, for camping or sleeping in the open air, and consisting substantially of a lined quilted coverlet which is folded on itself and closed at the foot and on one of its sides, generally with the aid of a slide-fastener, to form a kind of bag is known. At the open end, these sleeping bags often include a prolonged portion forming a pocket to accommodate a pillow.

Such known equipment can also be used flat, like an eiderdown, on a normal bed but this supplementary usage is not really satisfactory for the following reasons:

When used in the open air or in a tent soiling takes place extremely rapidly, especially on the outside

Closing elements are attached on two sides and the pillow pocket, which is also attached, is non-symmetrical. These various elements make the article unsuitable and unsightly for use as an eiderdown on a normal bed.

An object of the present invention is to overcome these aforementioned drawbacks.

According to the present invention there is provided an article of bedding equipment for use in conjunction with a bed quilt, said article consisting of an envelope having an opening therein through which the quilt may be inserted, and securing means located along the side and end edges of the envelope so that the latter may be folded upon itself, with the quilt in position therein, and secured around the said edges to form a quilted sleeping bag.

When used as a quilted sleeping-bag, the said envelope or covering bag protects the actual quilt, since it completely surrounds the said quilt externally and since the part of

the covering bag disposed on the interior, after folding, serves as an inner sheet. Thus, the quilt coverlet is not soiled and once the quilt is withdrawn from its covering bag, it has a conventional appearance and may be used on a normal bed.

This covering bag can be cleaned extremely easily by washing. It may be made from an extremely light fabric and have, where required, on its lower portion, a covering forming a damp-proof camping mattress. The side thereof disposed on the exterior when it is folded may also be made of a sheet of plastic material.

In order that the present invention may be more clearly understood and readily carried into effect, the same will now be described with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which

Figure 1 shows a front view of a covering bag or envelope in the unfolded position,

Figure 2 is a longitudinal section along the line 2—2 of Figure 1,

Figure 3 is a front view of a quilt also in the unfolded position,

Figure 4 is a sectional view along the line 4—4 of Figure 3,

Figure 5 shows the quilt and the covering bag in the assembled position, and

Figures 6 and 7 show sectional views along the lines 6—6 and 7—7 of Figure 5, respectively.

Referring now to the drawings, as shown in Figures 1 and 2, the covering bag or envelope 1 consists of two surfaces of a fabric, 1a and 1b, sewn together along their four sides. A zip fastener 2, having a slide member 3, is secured on three of these sides.

The surface 1b has a laterally offset prolonged portion 4 forming a pocket to accommodate a pillow, or the like.

The surface 1a has, over almost its entire width and near its upper end, a slot 5, with a zip fastener 6, covered with a protective flap 7.

Figures 3 and 4 show a conventional quilt

8 of the eiderdown type with inner padding
 9. This quilt 8 is of such dimensions that it
 can be introduced flat into the envelope 1
 through the slot 5 after opening the fastener
 6, and can be withdrawn in the same manner.

The said quilt 8 can thus be used as an
 eiderdown on a normal bed.

Before use as a quilted sleeping bag, the
 quilt 8 is introduced into the covering bag 1
 and the assembly is folded on itself, and main-
 tained in the folded position by the zip fastener
 2 (see Figures 5, 6 and 7). The invention is
 in no way limited to the one embodiment des-
 cribed hereinbefore. It includes a number of
 variations, in particular, the case where the ex-
 ternal or internal wall of the fabric 1b of the
 covering bag is wholly or partially provided
 with a damp-proof mattress or lining.

WHAT I CLAIM IS:—

1. An article of bedding equipment for use
 in conjunction with a bed quilt, said article
 consisting of an envelope having an opening

therein through which the quilt may be in-
 serted, and securing means located along the
 side and end edges of the envelope so that the
 latter may be folded upon itself, with the quilt
 in position therein, and secured around the
 said edges to form a quilted sleeping bag.

2. An article of bedding equipment as
 claimed in Claim 1, wherein the envelope is
 provided with a pocket for accommodating a
 pillow.

3. An article of bedding equipment as
 claimed in Claim 1 or Claim 2, wherein the
 envelope is provided with a damp-proof mat-
 tress or lining.

4. An article of bedding equipment sub-
 stantially as hereinbefore described with refer-
 ence to the accompanying drawings.

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